



# **West Virginia Senate**

## **Committee on the Judiciary**

### **Minutes for MARCH 11, 2021, 3:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary met on March 11, 2021, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Grady, Maynard, Phillips, Smith, Stover, Woodrum, Beach, Caputo, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Blair, Rucker, Takubo

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**S. B. 562 - Relating to juvenile competency proceedings.**

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Cammie Chapman, Associate General Counsel, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee, Phillip Stowers, Putnam County Circuit Judge, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Cindy Hill, Director, Division of Children/Juvenile Services, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Romano, the committee amended the committee substitute on page 8, line 10, after the word "A" inserting the words "self-incriminating or inculpatory" and on line 11

deleting the words “used against the juvenile” inserting in lieu the word “admissible” and on line 13 after the word “disposition” inserting the words “or transfer”.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute, as amended.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**H. B. 2372 - Allow pre-candidacy papers to be filed the day after the general election.**

Liz Schindzielorz, Counsel, explained the bill, the proposed amendment, and responded to questions.

Senator Weld moved to adopt the strike and insert amendment.

With leave of the committee, Donald Kersey, General Counsel, West Virginia Secretary of State, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

The committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

On Motion of Senator Weld the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Clerk/Analyst

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in  
the Senate Committee on The Judiciary.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me  
God."

Cammie Chapman

Print Witness Name

Cammie L Chapman

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Charles S. Trump

Print Member Name

Charles S Trump

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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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Cindy Hill

Print Witness Name

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Testimony Attested to by Committee  
Clerk

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Donna Keiser

Print Witness Name

Jack Keiser

Sign Witness Name

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